

Resolution A6-1R2

TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE SPACE FREQUENCY

COORDINATION GROUP (SFCG)

The SFCG,

NOTING

- i) the letter of the Director General of the European Space Agency (ESA) of 16 January, 1980 in which he proposed the creation of SFCG and accepted that ESA provide the permanent secretariat;
- ii) the importance of periodically updating its Terms of Reference;

CONSIDERING

- a) that the Group has successfully conducted annual meetings since 1980;
- b) that the Terms of Reference are updated periodically to maintain current relevance;

RESOLVES

To establish the following Terms of Reference:

SFCG provides a forum for multilateral discussion and coordination of spectrum matters of mutual interest concerning, in particular, the following space radiocommunication services, as defined in the ITU Radio Regulations:

- Space research
- Space operations
- Earth exploration satellite
- Meteorological satellite
- Inter-satellite
- Radionavigation satellite
- Radioastronomy and radar astronomy to the extent that they are relevant to spacecraft missions,

The agreed upon results of SFCG work will be expressed in the form of Resolutions, Recommendations, or whatever form may be appropriate for the case. SFCG members will attempt to ensure that findings of SFCG are taken into account by their agencies.

SFCG will:

- facilitate early understanding of present and future plans for space systems and services and of other systems affecting these;
- identify problem areas and coordination needs, and study potential solutions associated therewith;
- identify issues and policy matters relating to the future orderly use of the frequency bands allocated to respective space radiocommunication services;
- suggest courses of action to be taken by SFCG member agencies with regard to current and future frequency needs of the space radiocommunications services identified above;
- identify those matters for which member agencies should facilitate contributions to regional bodies (e.g. APT, CEPT, CITEL), ITU-R Study Groups; or to encourage their administrations to make proposals to ITU WRCs;
- closely cooperate in the area of frequency management with other space agencies as well as with commercial or research users of frequency bands allocated to the services identified above;
- consider any other items of technical, operational, or administrative nature which affect the interests of the Group; and
- maintain strong ties with other international bodies with related objectives.

DECIDES

to accept ESA's offer to provide the permanent Secretariat of the SFCG.